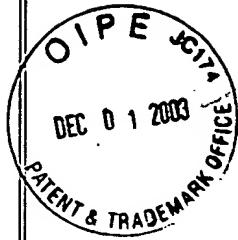


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1. **JP 10-101521** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
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Each of the documents listed above was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. A copy of this Japanese counterpart communication is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

4. **JP-AH7-112915** - An English language computer generated translation of this document is submitted herewith. An English language abstract of JP 7-112915, cited in an earlier European Search Report, was previously presented for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants, having recently become aware of this computer generated translation, submit it for the Examiner's consideration as well. After reasonable inquiry, Applicants' representative has determined that no one involved in the prosecution of this application was aware of the existence of the computer generated translation of JP-AH7-112915 and that the translation submitted herewith was obtained by Applicants after receipt of the Japanese Patent Office communication referred to above.

The Japanese Patent Office communication cites five references. The remaining reference cited, namely JP 10-67640, was previously presented for the Examiner's consideration as EP 0815843.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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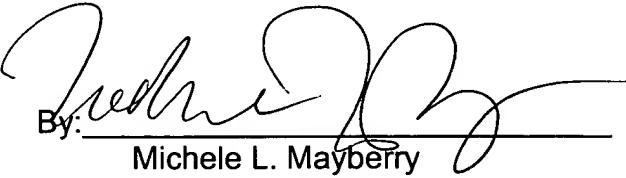
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